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Sparking creativity

Former blacksmith graduate Richard Sears provides a demonstration on Saturday, April 15 at Haliburton School of Art + Design's annual open house, giving potential students and their families a glimpse inside the campus. Visitors were able to see a variety of demonstrations, including glass blowing and blacksmithing, while touring the campus. Guided tours and information about financial services and campus life were also provided on Saturday. See more photos on page 4. /ADAM FRISK Special to the Echo

Grass Lake condo development sent back to council

JAMES MATTHEWS

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

To badly rip off Shakespeare, it's once more into the fray, the continuation of the

fight for Paul Wilson and Harburn Holdings.

Harburn Holdings' pitch to build 88 condominiums on Grass Lake at Peninsula Road and County Road 21 in Dysart et al. was discussed April 12 during

another special meeting of Haliburton County council.

The development will include a commercial property and a lot to be donated to Places for People, an organization that provides affordable housing.

Because of recent changes, the application to amend the Official Plan had to be returned from the county level to Dysart's municipal council.

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Fate of application in the hands of Dysart

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Dysart previously approved a land use amendment for the area. It was months ago brought to the upper tier level to ensure all provincial, county, and municipal planning policies were adhered to.

Paul Wilson, the proponent of the proposed condo development, has lived and worked in Haliburton County all his life and has developed many properties in the area. It's been almost two years since he started the wheels rolling on the current development.

This application is the start of a two-phase plan for the property. Although he may not be involved in the second phase or subsequent developments at the site, he will have control in who buys the property from him.

"And I won't be selling to anyone, including the lot that I propose to donate to Places for People, unless I approve their development proposal," Wilson said.

He said he's been quiet about the process through all the jigs and reels, the meetings and special meetings, the consultants' reports and their required peer review reports.

He relied on his planning consultant, Tony Usher, to be his mouthpiece in the matter. Usher has maintained that the requested Official Plan amendment represents good planning and is in the public interest.

Wilson said he's refrained from writing letters to newspaper editors or op-ed columns.

"Nor have I responded publicly to the many verbal attacks directed at me personally," he said. "I was confident that the facts were on my side, so I chose to let them speak for themselves."

Wilson has been pretty quiet through the process.

Until now.

"Unfortunately, there's a lot of misinformation mixed in with the facts, so I feel compelled to clarify some things," he said.

Wilson said the Friends of Grass Lake, an environmental group against the development, alleged in February that Wilson did site alterations that included building a pond and dumping fill without proper approvals.

"That simply is not true," he said.

Wilson said he had gotten nods from required agencies that looked over his plans for the condo development. The proof of that favour, including letters and emails between Wilson, municipal, and provincial, and federal departments, have been freely available, he said.

"I should also add that all the site alteration work was completed by 2012 and really doesn't have anything to do with the current proposal," Wilson said.

Allegations that Wilson has dumped fill into Grass Lake under the cover of darkness is not true, either, he said.

It didn't happen, he said.

"That's just another example of misinformation that's continually been spread by some of the objectors," Wilson said. "The same is true about statements that I cut trees improperly."

In 2019, before Wilson committed to the development in Dysart, he said he polled Haliburton County

and municipal planners about his plans and any options available to him.

He said he proposed to build either a medium density residential development or single-family dwellings. Professional feedback he received in the early days was that a medium residential development was preferred as "single family residential lots would be an underutilization of the property," he said.

He's commissioned experienced, qualified professionals to undertake necessary reports and studies over the many months since. He said his consultants have worked with municipal and county planning departments and peer review consultants to come up with a modified proposal that is now supported in its entirety by both planning departments.

That's in contrast to groups and individuals who are against a housing development so close to the Grass Lake watershed.

Regarding opposition to the development, Wilson said he hasn't seen any arguments from qualified professionals that casts doubt on the integrity of his development and its supporting information.

Councillor Murray Fearrey, the mayor of Dysart, asked about concerns a veterinarian near the proposed development had regarding water quality.

Raj Kehar, a planning lawyer from the firm Weir-Foulds, spoke on behalf of Haliburton Veterinary Services during a February council meeting.

His client operates an animal hospital and clinic on property near the condo development on Peninsula Road. There are also rental properties in the vicinity.

The lawyer had told council his client has significant concerns about the impact the development will have on the quality and quantity of water available to the clinic and housing tenants.

Kehar had also asked council to defer by a minimum of three months its decision on the proposed development to allow more time for an agreement between his client and Wilson that addresses those well water concerns.

"There is a private well on our client's property, and it was pump-tested in April 2020 by the developer in support of their development application," Kehar had said. "Immediately following that pump test, our client experienced sediment in their drinking water supply."

He said during the February meeting that the initial safe drinking water was turned to "brown sludge almost immediately." And those water quality issues continued, he said.

Kehar's client has also reached out to MTE Consulting, a professional independent hydrogeologist. Those consultants will peer review Harburn Holdings' water reports and peer review the peer review of reports prepared for Dysart.

"It's a very focused analysis," the lawyer said when he appeared in February. "And I think it's important that focused analysis be given some time to occur and for a consultations and discussions to be had between our clients hydrogeologist and the developer's hydrogeologist."

At the April 12 meeting, Wilson said his hydrogeologist met with the veterinarian's hydrogeologist to hammer out a sequence of tests that need to be done to prove the well water's integrity will be maintained despite the development.

"And we've agreed on that," Wilson said. "I am confident that we will be signing an agreement here in the next week or two."

Stephen Stone, the county's planning director who previously recommended that the county allow the development, said it was suggested by staff that the application be modified to best assuage concern for the well water. He said the county has jurisdiction to either approve, modify and approve, or deny any application.

"In this regard, the discussion was centred around adding a particular special policy that would address concerns about water supply on the neighbouring lot," Stone said.

That added stipulation in the agreement would ensure that Harburn Holdings and any other entity that eventually takes control of the development would provide a safe water supply to neighbouring lots.

"There would be no adverse effects on water supplies offsite," he said.

Fearrey said the county should finally approve the amendment request and allow the development to proceed.

But Stone said the application has to go back to Dysart municipal council to discuss the newly added policy regarding water supplies adjacent to the development.

"You're saying that there's another step," said Warden Liz Danielsen, mayor of Algonquin Highlands. "It has to go to Dysart and then come back to us?"

"Because it's a modification to the (Official Plan) amendment application, it's not considered a condition like you might have in a consent application," Stone said.

Danielsen suggested council could give its approval subject to Dysart's approval of the modification. She said there's a dire need for housing in Haliburton County, and she feels compelled for that reason to approve the development.

"This keeps going on and on," she said. "I think at some point we have to ... fish or cut bait."

"We couldn't issue a decision on this yet," Stone said. "It would have to be after Dysart is in agreement with the modification."

Coun. Cecil Ryall, Highlands East's deputy mayor, questioned why the application would have to return to the county level if Dysart approves the modification after the county smiles upon it beforehand.

Coun. Bob Carter, the mayor of Minden Hills, said the county has no idea if Dysart will agree to the change. If the lower tier agrees, the application will return to the county for approval. If Dysart further modifies or denies the changed application, then that's a different issue, he said.

"You can't pre-approve what you expect somebody else is going to do," Carter said. "If Dysart agrees, it's a 30 second discussion at the next opportunity."

OPP investigating serious motorcycle collision

Members of the Haliburton Highlands Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) Detachment are investigating a serious motorcycle collision on County Rd 503 in Highlands East.

On April 16, 2023, at 11:16 a.m., members from the Haliburton Highlands OPP received information regarding a single motor vehicle collision involving a motorcycle where a person sustained serious injuries. The collision occurred on County Rd 503 and Glamorgan Rd in Highlands East.

The injured person was subsequently transported to a

trauma center for medical attention.

The collision remains under investigation, and OPP Technical Collision Investigators are currently at the scene. Expect delays in the area as traffic on County Rd. 503 around Glamorgan Rd. is currently reduced to one lane for the investigation.

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Council hears managing assets over time is a complicated dance

JAMES MATTHEWS

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

It would cost as much as \$101 million to replace the core municipal assets in Highlands East.

That's one of the details the consulting outfit called PSD Citywide found through the course of carrying out the work of inking the township's Asset Management Plan.

Israr Ahmad, program manager of asset management at PSD Citywide, provided a snapshot of the work done thus far April 11 during a meeting of town council.

The provincial government brought down legislation in 2015 that mandated asset management planning for all municipalities between 2022 and 2025. Ahmad said a plan has been developed for Highlands East that exceeds legislated requirements.

Aside from the plan, an asset management system called Citywide Assets was implemented to facilitate data-driven decision-making by the municipality.

Ahmad said the data system ushered in a lot of efficiencies for township staff.

The process began with a management policy having been inked in 2019 and followed in 2022 with a look at the state and levels of service for core assets.

The state and level of service for all assets will be considered in 2024 before the plan includes a proposed level of service and the lifecycle costs associated with that level in 2025.

"That's where things get a little tricky," Ahmad said of 2025's plan requirements. "There is potential for involving constitu-

ents there. It's important to get their feedback."

Core assets include roads, bridges, water distribution infrastructure, wastewater treatment, and storm networks.

"Non-core is effectively everything else," he said.

Facilities and buildings, vehicles and equipment, he said.

Ahmad said the analysis for the plan's 2022 requirements is limited to existing infrastructure and doesn't account for capacity upgrades. And it doesn't integrate growth-related demands.

"If Highlands East were to disappear today, how much would it cost to sort of redevelop it in exactly the same way?" he said. "That's kind of the idea behind existing infrastructure."

It provides long-term direction to the municipality on how to invest in infrastructure and prioritize those investments against so many demands.

"It supports better use of limited funds on infrastructure programs," he said.

Ahmad said about 58 per cent of the municipal infrastructure portfolio is in fair or better condition. The remaining 42 per cent is classed as being in poor or worse condition.

"Poor or worse does not necessarily mean that these assets can't continue to perform their function," he said. "It just means that, based on our estimate, there might be some issues."

"You might prioritize condition assessment of some of these assets. In some cases, they do require immediate rehabilitation or replacement."

Field data was used for as much as 95 per cent of the assets, based on replacement costs. Age was used to spitball the

condition of the remaining assets.

"These numbers should be fairly reliable in terms of their accuracy," Ahmad said. "Age can provide some misleading approximations of asset condition, but this only applies to about five per cent of assets."

Highlands East needs about \$3.8 million annually to keep its assets in good repair, according to Ahmad. He said that figure is supposed to be a benchmark.

Given the \$101 million total replacement cost, the annual \$3.8 million investment represents an annual re-investment rate of about 3.7 per cent. The township ponies up about \$2.3 million each year toward capital projects and reserve funds.

That leaves a \$1.45 million annual capital deficit.

Regarding actual re-investment rates versus target re-investments rates, "you're pretty close in some areas," he said. "You're hitting them in others. But, for infrastructure like roads, you'll see that your actual re-investment rate is about two per cent whereas what's required is about four or 4.5 per cent."

He said that's pretty common across Ontario's municipalities.

Those deficits need to be closed. But, he said, it won't be done over a short-term given that much of the infrastructure was built over decades.

"There's a way to close them, slowing phasing all the funding requirements that are needed so you're not putting too much burden on today's generation," Ahmad said.

PSD Citywide presented a number of scenarios as to how the municipality can meet its needs by way of its tax-funded purse.

If the required reinvestment is to be met in five years, the property tax levy would need annual 3.5 per cent increases. In 10 years, you're looking at 1.7 per cent increases. To do it over 15 years will see increases of 1.2 per cent. A 20-year timeframe would bring 0.9 per cent rate increases.

The kick in the pants is that the longer wait leaves greater time for the unforeseen to occur.

He said adequate funding is crucial to put together a sustainable asset management program. Affordable service can be delivered through balancing cost with performance and risk, he said.

"There is a constant negotiation that needs to take place," Ahmad said.

Deputy Mayor Cecil Ryall said the township has seen "scary" growth. That growth impacts many facets of the municipality such as waste management, as an example.

He asked if the asset management program considers such growth and its effects.

"If we don't do that, then we're going to get a great picture of yesterday three years from now," Ryall said.

Ahmad said there's some art and some science to managing costs associated with growth. It's akin to a shot in the dark at times.

He said growth and its impact on financial strategies will be incorporated into the program as part of next year's phase.

"This AMP does not include growth in it," Ahmad said. "However, we have a pretty good understanding of the costs that are associated with existing infrastructure."

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A potential student collects information at the student services table during Haliburton School of Art + Design's annual open house on Saturday, April 15. Visitors were able to see a variety of demonstrations, including glass blowing and blacksmith, while touring the campus. Guided tours and information about financial services and campus life were also provided on Saturday. /ADAM FRISK Special to the Echo



Lexis Linda Nichole forms some jewelry with a hammer.

Portion of Esson Lake Dam shoreline closes for construction

JAMES MATTHEWS
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Highlands East has given Parks Canada the go-ahead by way of a lease agreement to begin work to rebuild Esson Lake Dam. The term of the lease is until February 13, 2025. Township council brought the agreement forward for passage when it met April 11. Parks Canada will reconstruct the Esson Dam on Esson Creek, south of the Essonville Line. In order to reconstruct the dam, the federal agency requires the usage of the shore road allowance to the dam site, which a municipally-owned shoreline road that has not been closed to adjacent landowners.

Shannon Hunter, the municipality's CAO, said the lease allows construction materials to be stored at the site. "With the lease, there's also a bylaw that recommends that, because the shoreline isn't being sold, it's an agreement that public use would be prohibited," Hunter said. Along with the lease, council passed a bylaw that restricts common law right of passage and right of access to the public and adjacent landowners under Section 35 of the Municipal Act. This restriction does not permanently close the road allowance. It temporarily blocks it from public use to ensure the safety of the public and the security of the site for Parks Canada and its contractors. Once the work has been completed, council may repeal the restriction bylaw to reopen the shore road allowance for public passage.



Zenon Bigg shows off his glass-blowing skills during HSA+D's open house.



New exhibition at Rails End
Tanya Zaryski, third from left, speaks with guests and Rails End Gallery executive director and curator Laurie Jones, right, during Rails End Gallery's opening reception of Rewilding, an art exhibit featuring paintings and clothing by Zaryski (painter) and Michèle Karch-Ackerman on Saturday, April 15 in Haliburton. /ADAM FRISK Special to the Echo



Michèle Karch-Ackerman stands with her work during Saturday's opening of Rewilding.

Dysart council makes parking free at medical clinic

JAMES MATTHEWS

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Visitors to the medical centre and its nearby businesses in Dysart won't have to pay to park at a common lot.

Township council decided April 11 to remove the medical centre parking lot pay station.

The development came about during a debate about how to best maintain the payment system at the parking lot. Some of the equipment had started to become problematic.

Then, in the end, it was decided the pay system was too costly to maintain over the long haul and caused too much aggravation to justify keeping it.

Robert Mascia, the municipal bylaw enforcement officer, said he believed, after the last few months, it isn't the gate arms and machines that were malfunctioning.

"It's just the overwhelming instructions on the machine," he said. "Users are having a hard time following them."

Replacing the gate arms would require revamping the on-screen instructions.

"I believe people are getting confused, and they're not seeing the third payment button that needs to be pressed to engage that payment system," Mascia said.

Many in the community has had a chance to get accustomed to the system so that there's a noticeable reduction in phone call complaints.

"Granted the machine does go down

on occasion with the loss of the internet or power," Mascia said.

A recent storm that knocked out power service is a case in point.

"Those are normal things that are going to happen with any kind of technology," he said.

The pay machines are getting to be upwards of 20 years old, and the guts of them have already been replaced. The gate arms will eventually break down and need to be replaced as well.

"I think that is the main option that staff would consider council to move forward with," he said. "But it is up to council what option they move forward with."

Councillor Pat Casey questioned whether or not it's a critical revenue generator for the medical clinic.

"People are going there for medical assistance, and it's aggravation on the way in and aggravation on the way out," Casey said. "I'm wondering if the whole system's worth its weight or whether we can get the revenue, if it's necessary, from another segment of taxation."

He suggested maybe council could get rid of the whole pay to park system.

"You're in and out of the parking lot, and it's one less thing in your day that you have to look after," Casey said.

Mascia said a "pay and display" scenario could suffice. That's where people pay at a kiosk and then place their receipt on their vehicle dashboard as proof to enforcement that parking had been purchased.

"It's a pretty simple option," he said. "We would enforce it ... the same as on-

the-street metres."

Mayor Murray Fearrey said dropping a toonie into the pay machine covered snowclearing of the lot and some maintenance. He said it's simple enough to pay as you enter and then have no worries when you leave.

"You don't get in unless you have a toonie or two loonies," he said. "That's pretty simple."

Mascia said the gate would have to be modified to accommodate a coin system if the debit or credit card payment mechanism is removed.

"Or they could just use the existing system as it is now with the debit and credit (card options) as a pay and display," he said.

Councillor Tammy Wood-Roberts said she's heard a complaint recently by somebody who had been dinged for a service charge by a bank because the parking fee

was less than a \$10 purchase.

Banks, right?

"It does need to change," she said.

Wood-Roberts said she's in favour of removing the pay to park system all together and have free parking at the medical centre.

Hospitals in Haliburton and Minden Hills don't require payment to park.

Barbara Swannell, the township's treasurer, said municipal coffers hauled in about \$50,000 a year through parking there before the coronavirus pandemic. The 2023 municipal budget includes \$27,000 for parking revenue.

"And we're seeing an uptick in that number now that business is getting back to normal," Swannell said.

Patrons of nearby businesses also use that pay to park lot.



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Forever in our memories: Creighton Feir

August in April

I'VE AVOIDED "harping" on the topic of climate change. We hear it about it so often from scientists and environmentalists everywhere - people who devote their lives to studying the topic - and I figured they had it covered way better than I could ever attempt to.

To be honest, now that I've written that sentence, it's just a big excuse.

Climate change scares me almost as much as the risk of another world war happening in our lifetime.

It's the feeling of impending doom of an enormous crisis that I, and I imagine many others, like to ignore.

Ignorance is bliss. But we can't really ignore the hard fact that it was nearly 30 degrees Celsius for almost a week straight in April this year.

It's the job of scientists to do the research, but it's my job to share important information.

So buckle up, mentally prepare yourself, and let's talk about some scary numbers.

The 10 warmest recorded Aprils have occurred from 2010 onward.

This is including data each year dating back to 1879, nearly 150 years.

In Haliburton, the average high is 11 degrees Celsius in April.

Last Friday, I checked the weather app on my phone, and it said 29 degrees. Like the day before and the day after it, Friday felt like a non-humid August day.

Other places in Ontario, like London, had the hottest April day ever recorded.

And again, this is a trend. All of the warmest Aprils have been within the last 13 years.

I loved the warmth last week. I got to do summer activities like canoeing and sitting on patios.

But we should be seeing that heat as a harsh reminder of our reality.

We're pretty lucky in our corner of the world; we are less prone to natural disasters like tropical storms and hur-

ricanes, so far.

That doesn't mean we are immune to the effects of a warming planet.

It's no secret that Haliburton County has a high poverty rate. We have so many individuals and families struggling already.

This struggle will be, and likely already has been, exacerbated by climate change.

Climate change was outlined as one of the key high-level issues in the development process of our Community Safety and Well-Being Plan.

"Climate change is expected to impact already vulnerable communities, disproportionately, exacerbating existing issue areas, and creating new ones related to energy poverty and access to quality outdoor spaces," reads the plan.

The county doesn't have any type of homeless shelter. From data collected in 2021, 40 individuals or families were recorded as homeless in Haliburton County.

That's 40 "households" that don't have access to a safe place to take refuge from severe temperatures, poor air quality from forest fires or other pollutants,

clean drinking water, and the list goes on.

If anyone in Haliburton County is seeking shelter, they usually have to go to Kawartha Lakes.

Our community quite literally forces anyone struggling out of town.

The Canadian Environmental Law Association says, "Inadequate access to affordable and safe housing is the root cause of many climate change health impacts. People living in sub-standard housing often suffer the most from extreme weather events, such as heat waves and flooding."

It may be easy for lots of us to ignore heat, cold, or extreme weather because we have safe homes to take refuge in.

But those 40 households can't, and that has to be an "us" problem, not a "them" problem.



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Unseasonably warm weather made for an April week that felt like summer./Vivian Collings

The first hornet

He wasn't sure what to do or what to think. Moving around morning-slowly in the kitchen, Jim had caught the movement out of the corner of his eye. Sara the cat was very interested. A flying insect was loose in the kitchen and since it was early April, Jim knew it couldn't have come from outside. There was still snow on his back deck, pushing up against the patio door. But there it was on the cupboard door: the first hornet of the season.

Jim was not a fan of hornets, but then nobody was. As a youngster he had inadvertently stepped onto a hornets' nest beside an old stump. Running for home, he had been unable to avoid several stings. They bothered him for days, and the memory of his fearful escape had stayed with him.

So now he looked at the hornet resting in his kitchen. It must have been hibernating or something over winter, he thought. Jim didn't know if hornets did that, but he was used to seeing revitalized house flies buzzing indoors once spring warmed the world. It looked so small and lost that he actually felt no animosity toward it whatsoever. But what to do? It couldn't stay where it was.

Jim liked all living things. So killing the hornet was at the bottom of his possible responses. Although he knew what he was going to do was a death sentence for the hornet, it was better than squishing it with a paper towel. Instead he picked it up in the towel and threw it outside. Then he watched as it struggled on top of the snow, curled up and died. Sara the cat was not impressed as she had been geared up for play-time with the flying toy.

The whole scene got Jim to thinking about insects and spring. While it still looked a bit like winter on the other side of his kitchen window, he knew the world was about to change. He had even seen two robins hopping hopefully over the hard ground when he went for his morning walk. Every spring the same scene was repeated,

and he never understood how those birds managed until the earth softened.

Scientists were shouting the alarm about the loss of insects. Of course this then had repercussions up the food chain. Small bugs fed bigger bugs which fed birds and so on. Jim tried not to dwell on the negative climate news, but it was difficult when he saw the evidence all around him.

His neighbour Ted kept bees and once again had lost all his hives over winter. Unusually mild weather had changed abruptly when the temperature had plunged, tricking the bees into an early exploratory exit. The next day saw them scattered on the snow

like a black stain. Like so many other concerns, a new strategy would be needed for next year. Ted had talked to Jim about his frustration over the loss. Despite his best efforts, it was the second year he had lost all his bees.

So it was understandable for Jim to feel some sympathy for the kitchen hornet. After all - it had been a survivor, at least for a while.

The ducks had returned. After disposing of the hornet, Jim had scanned his backyard for signs of the changing season. And there they were. Every spring Jim was treated to Mallards in his back pond. As the snow retreated the pond advanced and no sooner had the ice started to disappear than the ducks arrived. Jim saw them plunging their heads into the water. Before he knew it the peepers would also be back, filling the night air with their springtime chorus. He hoped that would never stop.

Fully awake by now, Jim finished his coffee and grabbed Max's leash. The air was warm on his face as he and Max stepped outside. He heard whistles and chortles from the tree tops as the sun started its journey over the landscape. The world was about to embark on another seasonal adventure. Jim wondered what it would bring this year.

Down



sharon lynch

Our road

points of view

Sniped

SOME PEOPLE say, “trust your feelings,” but I say trust should be earned.

A good example why happened on Saturday, when I was at the dog park with my pup Rosie. We were enjoying the sunshine, and I remember clearly having this feeling that that day would be my lucky day – and then I went and trusted that feeling.

It turns out I couldn't have been more wrong.

You see as I was standing there, minding my own business, and throwing a tennis ball for Rosie, she looked at me quizzically. So, I pointed a finger towards the ball I had just thrown to remind her of what we were doing – and that's when disaster struck.

You guessed it. A bird crapped on my index finger – which if you think about it, is pretty well the opposite of lucky.

At times like this you wonder where it all went wrong. Why, you say, of all the birds, in all the skies, did I

have to run into one that was an exceptional shot?

Think about it. What are the odds?

That bird was at least 70 feet the air and moving at top speed. It was also a relatively windy day. To make the shot even harder, my index finger is a relatively small target, and was also moving. And, if hitting my finger under those conditions is not marksmanship enough for you, remember the bird did it using open sights with a small calibre projectile. And shot it from the



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Loon Tales

hip, more or less.

Luckily, I only temporarily lost the use of that finger – basically until I walked over to the lake to wash it off. I believe I eventually will make a full physical and emotional recovery, but I don't see myself eating finger foods any time soon.

The bad news is I now walk with my hands in my pockets and am considering wearing gloves and a sombrero year-round.

What did I do to deserve this? I may never know. I always thought that the birds and I had an amicable relationship outside of hunting season. So why the fly by?

Oh sure, it could have been a case of mistaken identity. All of us balding guys look the same from the sky.

But what if it wasn't? What if it that bird was hired by a mallard I barely missed last fall?

Not to be paranoid, but it seemed like the work of a pro. It happened fast. There were no witnesses.

The thing is I'm not going to make a big deal of this. I promised myself that I'm not going to let this one terrifying incident change the way I live – other than the umbrella, sombrero and gloves, I mean.

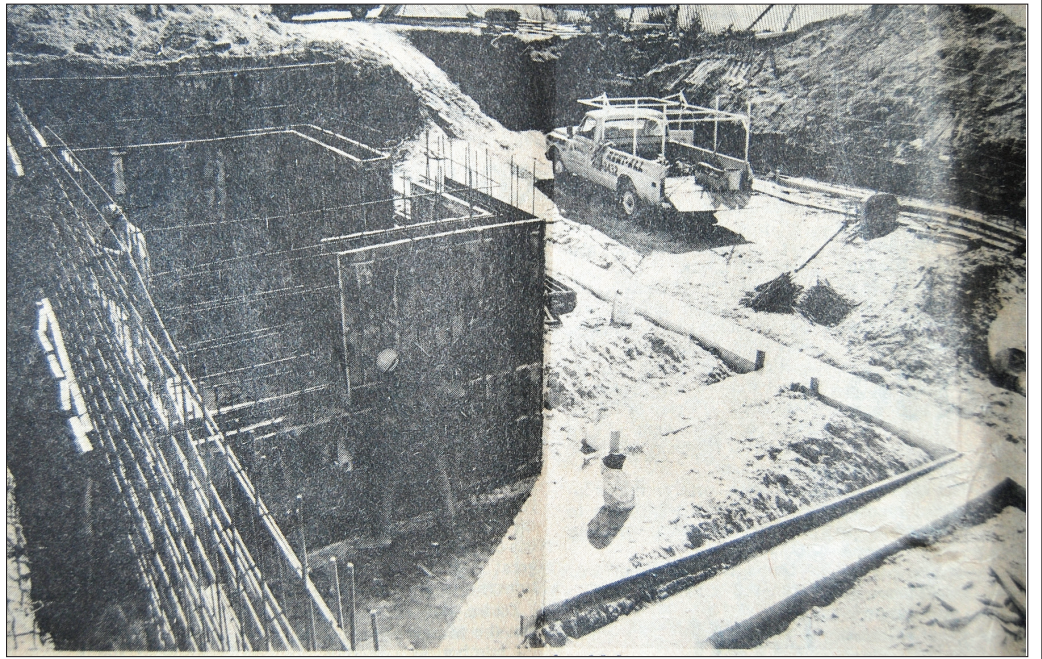
Better yet, I am going to make a conscious effort to not level unfair accusations at the various bird species. Even though, that day, in the park I saw mallards, Canada geese, boat-tailed grackles, robins, pigeons, and turkey vultures high overhead.

I guess I could take turkey vultures, boat-tailed grackles, and robins off the suspect list. I have never done them any harm.

That leaves us with mallards, Canada geese and pigeons – each of which has strong motives.

The thing is it would be totally wrong to speculate who did it. The last thing I want is to make more enemies.

Trust me. In a situation like this, it's best not to point fingers.



pic of the past

This week's Pic of the Past is from the Echo's archives from Sept. 19, 1979. The caption reads: “Despite delays, the new Bank of Montreal being constructed on Highland Street in Haliburton Village is well underway. A bank spokesman says the facility should be open by late December and the official opening is planned for some time after.”

letters to the editor

A wolf in sheep's clothing?

To the Editor,

The provincial government has created the Integrated Community Health Services Centres Act. It is also described as “Your Health Act”.

What could be better than an act for me (“your health”) proclaiming “community” and “integration”?

Beware of fine sounding words. In fact, this Act will accelerate the dis-integration of public health services. You only need to read the definition in the Act:

“Integrated community health services centre” means, subject to any exemptions set out in the regulations, “a health facility, including a community surgical and diagnostic centre, in which one or more members of the public receive services for or in respect of which facility costs are charged or paid ...”

Cutting out the legalese, it means a health facility will be able to charge us for the treatment it provides. Our public health care system is severely strained, no doubt about it.

But it needs to be repaired, not destroyed. This Act is designed to remove resources from the public system and move them into privately-owned “health services centres” (hospitals), and to attract professionals away from the public system. Is that what you want?

This Act is a wolf in sheep's clothing. It allows extra billing. Those who can afford it will pay. Those who cannot, can wait. Too bad. Two-tier health care. Tommy Douglas must be rolling over in his grave.

Carolynn Coburn
West Guilford

Letters to the Editor note: Submissions are subject to editing for newspaper style and punctuation.

‘Basic income: a bold response to poverty and inequality’

It's time for new ideas to old problems. With persistent poverty, rising inequality and the changing nature of work, a livable basic income guarantee can address economic insecurity and contribute to a dignified life for all. Join us for an opportunity to deepen your understanding of basic income, discuss the benefits and challenges of this approach and learn about the growing basic income movement.

Date: Wednesday, May 10
Time: 5:30 p.m. for light dinner, workshop begins at 6 to 8 p.m.
Location: Haliburton United Church, 10 George St. Haliburton
Facilitator: Judy Paul, Basic Income Educator and Advocate
No cost, but please register with Joan Grant at joanegrant99@bell.net.
Zoom link available.

Submitted



Volunteer Week



Left, John and Rita Jackson smile while hosting Radio Playhouse at Canoe FM.



Right, Patrick Monaghan is the host of Canoe FM's Buckside Blues Cruise program. /FILE photos

Special thanks to Canoe FM volunteers

In September, Canoe FM will celebrate 20 years of providing volunteer based not for profit community radio to Haliburton County. Community Radio is an essential piece of the Canadian landscape, and our many volunteers provide listeners with a diverse listening experience.

Canoe FM is a listener supported radio station. Our volunteers could be your friends, neighbours, family, or people standing with you in the grocery line. The

many volunteers involved with Canoe FM take pleasure and pride in being able to bring you 20 years of Community Radio right here in Haliburton County.

Our volunteers are not your regular, mainstream radio hosts. They share their personalities and sometimes make little faux pas. Our volunteers are real.

Our volunteers create an eclectic mix of programming, a little something for everyone. Canoe volunteers showcase local

and Canadian music and artists, they love promoting events and cultural activities. Ensuring that our listeners are connected and informed is a number one priority.

At Canoe, we are so thankful for all the outstanding volunteers that give so much of their time and energy to their volunteer positions. Our volunteers excel in the services that they provide. This station would not be the respected station it is, if it weren't for the volunteers.

Canoe FM is your voice – your community – your station, and we tip our hat to our Canoe FM volunteers ... thank you. Here's to another 20 years! It's an honour and a privilege to work with these volunteers.

*Submitted by Canoe FM station manager
Roxanne Casey*

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Volunteer Week



Volunteers play significant role at SIRCH Community Services

Volunteers are at the heart of everything SIRCH does. They cook, teach, govern, repair, fundraise, merchandise and so much more. It's safe to say, SIRCH Community Services would not be able to touch so many lives in Haliburton County and beyond if it wasn't for the volunteers that we have.

April marks National Volunteer Month in Canada, and what better time to extend our appreciation and gratitude to the hundreds of volunteers who have come through the doors at SIRCH. Since this organization was launched 33 years ago, our programs and initiatives have evolved and adapted. However one thing has remained constant in the more than three decades that we have been in operation, the commitment our volunteers have to making a positive change in their community.

SIRCH has a variety of volunteer opportunities, from those who serve on our board of directors, to those that help with programs, and those who support our events and initiatives. Whatever the role or position, every volunteer matters and makes a difference.

Whether you find yourself volunteering at the Thrift Warehouse, which diverts thousands of cubic feet of reusable items from the local landfills, or at Repair Café, an event that creates connection and passes on skills, at our not-for-profit Bistro & Bakery, which operates on a pay it forward model, or at Community Kitchen which feeds thousands, you are making an impact.

Earlier this month, CanadaHelps released its annual Giving Report for 2023, which outlines some of the challenges charities are currently facing. According to the report, 58 per cent of small charities in Canada are fully run



Volunteers play a significant role in helping SIRCH Community Services offer vital programs and services to the community. They assist in a variety of ways, from cooking Community Kitchen meals, to serving on our board of directors. Here Donna McCallum is working on creating a memory book for an isolated senior. /Photo submitted

by volunteers. While SIRCH has a mix of paid staff and volunteers, many of its critical programs, such as Community Kitchen, rely heavily on volunteers. And as inflation costs soar, so do the demand on our programs and services. The report states, "to thrive, a charitable sector needs

a caring and engaged society." We at SIRCH Community Services couldn't agree more.

Our deepest gratitude to all who have given SIRCH their time, expertise and passion. You are truly making your community a healthier place to live and we

are grateful you have done that by believing in the work we are doing. Thank you for creating resilience, reducing poverty and encouraging connection.

If you would like to be a part of our volunteer family, please don't hesitate to reach out. We would love to hear from you! Give us a call at 705-457-1742 or visit us at 49 Maple Ave. in Haliburton.

Submitted by SIRCH Community Services



Lions offer helping hands to the community

The Haliburton and District Lions Club is a volunteer service club where members dedicate their time to making the community a better place. Here, they are pictured filling the library at Abbey Gardens' Enchanted Forest with children's books they collected. /FILE



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Volunteer Week



Public Libraries are people-powered

CHRIS STEPHENSON

Special to the Echo

Staff at public libraries put special effort into acknowledging and celebrating community members who help us throughout the year. Not just because it's the right thing to do, but because without the support of our patrons and residents, what we're able to offer would be limited. We depend a great deal on enthusiastic volunteers, placement students, and key fundraising and advocate organizations such as the Friends of the Haliburton County Public Library. Library partnerships are one of the keys to our success. We often provide the space, the technology, and promotional help, and then we'll team up with residents who bring expertise, or a visiting author, or a service provider's organization. And that's when the magic starts to happen!

So in addition to Ontario Public Library Week, which happens in October, one of the other occasions we get excited about at Haliburton County Public Library (HCPL) is Volunteer Week. Over the past year we've had some special guests at many of our branches. Children's book authors such as Dana Church and Phyllis Bordo, Jennifer from Walk About Farms, and Joanne and Sunny (an author talk which included a puppy!) came to enrich our storytime experiences

inside and outside the library.

Ruth Treloar is helping us get a French Conversation Circle going and we're thrilled about this. Similarly, Sharon and the Canadian Parents for French not only offered to donate funds to help us donate our French collection, but they teamed up to run our first-ever French Storytime. In the adult technology help department, we've been super fortunate to have Mona Lam-Deslippe coming this year to share her expertise about devices, software, and staying safe online.

For genealogy assistance, there's a wonderful ongoing program that occurs at the Minden and Dysart branches called Afternoons with Ancestors. This program happens consistently on alternating Tuesdays and it's run by Adele Espina, who gets rave reviews for her powerful research – not just according to our patrons, but also our staff. It's worth noting that Adele is also a new HCPL Board member. This is also an important volunteer role filled by a mix of nine local residents and County Councillors each year. As well, an exciting annual tradition are summer storytime visits from the hugely popular Auntie Plum, our local drag queen.

There is also patron-led programming such as Cardiff Reads and the Cardiff Crafters, run by Nancy. And the Gooderham Book Club, which is led by Sally. And as you may note in another article this month, we're congratulating the

Friends of the Haliburton County Public library for their impressive 20 years of service this year! Founded in 2003, the Friends group of directors and volunteers have been actively fundraising for library furnishings and supporting programs and services for over two decades. This group is also the reason why we have an incredible Book Club Set collection to offer all area book clubs across Haliburton County. This month we're helping the Friends develop a special page on our

library website to feature what they do to support HCPL all year round.

One issue with creating a list of volunteers supporting our County library system, is that we're in danger of forgetting to mention a person or a group. But please know, we're extremely grateful for the support we receive from people in all four of the municipalities we serve. If you meet a library volunteer during Volunteer Week, please give them a high five from myself and the library staff.



Rotary dedicated to giving back

The Rotary Club of Haliburton packs bags full of fresh fruit and vegetables once a month to be delivered across the county for their Good Food Box program as one of the many ways they give back to the community. /FILE

Laurie Scott, MPP

Haliburton - Kawartha Lakes - Brock



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See What It's About!

Attending a meeting can be a great way to meet members, learn about current initiatives, and decide whether Rotaract is a good fit. Use email or social media listed below to reach out and get information about upcoming meetings.



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Life's a climb

Fun was had by all at Camp Medeba's indoor rock climbing on Sunday, April 16. No pre-registration is required for this drop in event each Sunday, and the cost to climb is \$15 per person. Indoor shoes are needed and children under 14 must be supervised. /TIM YANO Special to the Echo



A climber contemplates their next step at Medeba's indoor rock climbing facility.



A young climber works their way up the wall.

Composting

Composting is a simple way to reduce the amount of waste you dispose of.

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Coffee grounds and filters, tea bags



Egg shells



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50% "brown" materials



Dry leaves and plants



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Turn the pile with a shovel to add air.

The pile should be as damp as a wrung-out sponge.



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Digesters promote decomposition without air. Micro-organisms breakdown organic waste and it leaches into the ground, feeding plants that surround it. Digesters are considered more bear-proof.



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Baked goods



Coffee grounds and filters, tea bags



Dairy



Eggs and egg shells



Green yard clippings, plants, leaves



Meat and bones



Raw fruit and vegetables

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Changing the narrative on housing

EMILY STONEHOUSE
Staff Reporter

Despite torrential downpour and flickering lights, the Minden Community Centre was packed on April 5 for the 2023 Haliburton County Housing Summit, presented by Places for People.

"I want to be clear that we are focused on appropriate housing today," said Fay Martin, vice-president of Places for People, "that's our focus: appropriate homes for all."

The day kicked off with a short introduction from MP Jamie Schmale, who shared that he was aware of the desperate need for additional homes in Ontario. "We would need 650,000 more units to

break even with our G7 counterparts," said Schmale, alluding to the fact that Canada's housing market is the most undersupplied in all the G7 nations.

Warden Liz Danielson spoke next, echoing Schmale's concerns, and sharing that it is an issue that impacts communities across the board. "It's a catch-22," she said, "we can't build homes because we don't have workers, and we don't have workers because we have no housing."

The day scheduled a series of panel discussions, including conversations with local business owners who are struggling to find staff due to the housing shortage, discussions about private market housing that accommodates aging, and the finances involved in the housing big picture.

Keynote speakers included Lori-Anne Gagne, the CEO of Victoria Park Community Homes, and Graham Cubitt, Director of Projects & Development at Indwell, and President of Flourish. Both are founders and members of Hamilton is Home Collaborative, which was a program dedicated to "outside the box" thinking to address the housing crisis.

Jennifer van Gennip was another keynote speaker. Van Gennip is the director of communications and advocacy for Redwood Park Communities, based out of Barrie. She is also affiliated with Simcoe County Alliances to end Homelessness, the Poverty Reduction Roundtable, and a series of living wage initiatives.

"If we want social change," she said, "we can't just tell different stories. We need to change the narrative."

A story-teller by nature, van Gennip shared a variety of ways that advocacy groups could lobby for affordable and accessible housing. She referenced that telling people what they "could" or "should" do is ill-advised, rather, she recommended asking politicians and decision makers, "what would it take?"

van Gennip has run with the concept of "YIMBY", standing for Yes In My Back Yard. This is to counteract the public concept of NIMBY, where "Yes" is replaced with "No".

"NIMBYism is a major obstacle," she said, "it drags out the appeal process, pushes up costs, and keeps out new residents."

Many housing advocacy groups are adamant that this mind-set exists as a primary reason affordable housing does not take natural shape within communities. Yes, while folks understand the need,

they do not want it to happen near them. Largely due to the assumed social concerns that surround affordable housing.

These social concerns - such as addictions, transportation, and mental health services - were not scheduled as specific points of conversation throughout the summit, though they did come up organically on occasion in relation to housing. Martin confirmed that this was done on purpose. "They [social issues] are indivisible from housing, but I specifically tried to keep them ancillary rather than the focus of the discussion," said Martin. "Housing on its own is complicated enough to deserve its solo moment in the sun."

Martin believes that overall, the event was well attended, and received favourably. With government, medical, and citizen-based representation from each municipality, as well as organizations such as the Haliburton County Development Corporation and the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce; it was a group of movers and shakers that she feels will take some of the discussions from the day, and run with them.

"We as a community are seized with the issue and are being quite inventive with addressing it," she said. "[We] need to do more of course, but have a self-sufficient attitude that will continue to stand us in good stead."

As for next steps, Martin knows that there is not a one-size-fits-all approach to housing. Though she did note that the wheels are in motion. "I promised those gathered that this was the beginning of a process, not simply an event," she said.

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Two-time Ice Out winner

For the second year in a row, Angelica Ingram has won the Echo's annual Ice Out contest! With a guess of Friday, April 14 at 2:32 p.m. for the ice to be out of Head Lake in Haliburton, the last of the ice had melted that evening. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff



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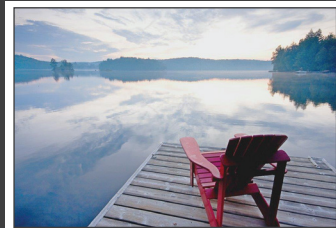
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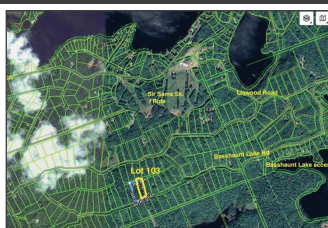
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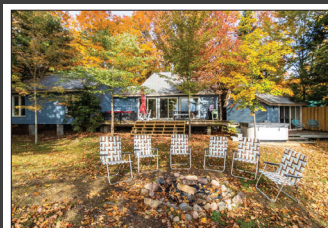
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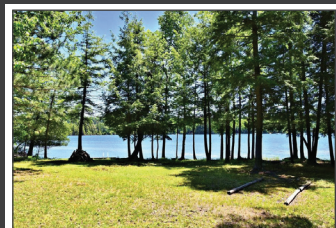
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- 1. Relative biological effectiveness (abbr.)
 - 4. Chinese philosophical principle
 - 7. Branch
 - 8. Jewish spiritual leader
 - 10. Slang for requests
 - 12. "So Human An Animal" author
 - 13. Rocker Billy
 - 14. British Air Aces
 - 16. Type of tree
 - 17. "Tough Little Boys" singer Gary
 - 19. State attorneys
 - 20. Goddess of fertility
 - 21. Localities
 - 25. Beloved singer Charles
 - 26. Clue
 - 27. Ridge of jagged rock below sea surface
 - 29. Helsinki neighborhood
 - 30. Farm resident
 - 31. Ocean
 - 32. Where ballplayers work
 - 39. Unable to hear
 - 41. Cool!
 - 42. Cape Verde capital
 - 43. One point north of due east
 - 44. Kilo yard (abbr.)
 - 45. Middle Eastern nation
 - 46. It yields Manila hemp
 - 48. People operate it (abbr.)
 - 49. Regenerate
 - 50. Not healthy
 - 51. Chinese sword
 - 52. Mild expression of surprise

- CLUES DOWN
- 1. Unit of angle
 - 2. Headgear to control a horse
 - 3. Clots
 - 4. Follows sigma
 - 5. A woman who is the superior of a group of nuns
 - 6. Greek units of weight
 - 8. Radio direction finder (abbr.)
 - 9. Systems, doctrines, theories
 - 11. Stony waste matter
 - 14. Bravo! Bravo! Bravo!
 - 15. Hostile to others
 - 18. U.S. State
 - 19. Not wet
 - 20. Something one thinks up
 - 22. Where beer is made
 - 23. Clumsy person
 - 24. Belonging to us
 - 27. Canadian flyers
 - 28. Greek goddess of the dawn
 - 29. Snakelike fish
 - 31. Unhappy
 - 32. Fruit
 - 33. Not good
 - 34. Zero degrees Celsius
 - 35. Goo Goo Dolls' hit
 - 36. Crawls into the head (folklore)
 - 37. Legally responsible
 - 38. Move in a playful way
 - 39. Regarded with deep affection
 - 40. Partner to flowed
 - 44. Native American tribe
 - 47. Head honcho

Answers on page 13



Canadian Independent Bookstore Day is being celebrated at Master's Bookstore in Haliburton on Saturday, April 29 with a chance to meet local authors. /Photos by Janet Trull

A day to celebrate books

JANET TRULL
Special to the Echo

Canadian Independent Bookstore Day is the annual day when readers, writers, illustrators and publishers come together to celebrate indie bookstores across Canada. Here in Haliburton, we are lucky to have Master's Bookstore, owned and operated by Kathy Stouffer for over thirty years. Her extensive inventory is stacked to the ceiling with international best-sellers, Canadian literature, and children's books. Kathy maintains this welcoming space for readers, and she generously supports local authors and poets by featuring their novels, memoirs and poetry collections.

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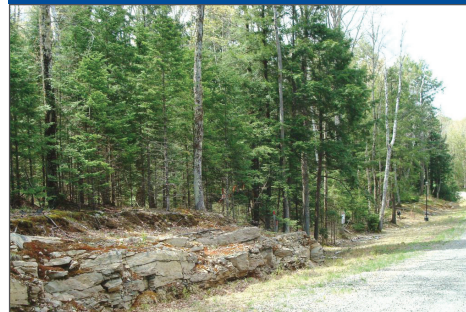


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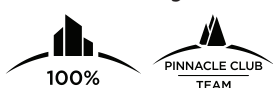
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Gail Driscoll (nee Doncaster)

Peacefully on Sunday, April 9, 2023, at Haliburton Hospital Gail passed away. Gail is survived by her husband Joe, her son Adam, daughter Tracey, son-in-law Paul, grandchildren Rachel and Megan, and all her friends from Esson Lake.

Celebration Of Life

A Celebration of Gail's life will take place at a later date. As an expression of sympathy, donations to Lung Cancer Canada would be appreciated by the family. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209.

Shelley Jones

It is with profound sadness that the family of Shelley Ann Jones announces her passing into the caring hands of our Creator during the final minutes of 8 April 2023.

Shelley was born in Oshawa on the 23rd of November 1965 to Vera Jones (nee McColl) and the late Rowatt Jones (2013). She, her parents, and her older brother Rick loved spending as much time as possible with their extended family in the Haliburton Highlands enjoying its natural beauty and its many recreational activities. This wonderful tradition has been passed on to her loving husband Christopher Wiles and her adoring son Matthew Wiles who will continue to make the northern trek from Ottawa; especially during the fall as this was Shelley's favorite season.

Shelley loved to learn from an early age and even skipped a grade while at Cedardale public school. Following high school at JL Roberts, she graduated from the Durham College Legal Administration program and then went on to Queens University where she earned a Bachelor of Arts (Hons.) in Political Studies. After taking a break from her studies to begin her career, get married, and start a family, she later returned to school to earn a Bachelor of Laws from the University of Ottawa. In recognition of her many academic and professional achievements, she was recognized by Durham College as an Alumnus of Distinction.

After working for various firms in Ottawa and Kingston providing litigation support, Shelley became a Registered Trademark Agent at Borden Ladner Gervais. Following an internship at Yahoo!, in her final year of law school, she articulated at Smart & Biggar/Fetherstonhaugh. After being called to the Ontario Bar in 2010, she joined Blackberry as Senior Legal Counsel (Trademarks and Brand Enforcement). In 2017 she joined the Intellectual Property Institute of Canada (IPIC) management team and served as their Director of Stakeholder relations until she was recruited by the National Inventors Hall of Fame (NIHF) to bring its innovative after school and summer STEM enrichment camps to Canada. When NIHF suspended Canadian operations due to Covid, Shelley founded her own company Cedarwing which helped IPIC secure and manage a large federal grant to promote Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion within the Intellectual Property profession.

Visitation & Funeral Service

Friends are invited to call at the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** at 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209 on Saturday, April 15, 2023, at 1 o'clock for a Funeral Service in the Chapel. (Visitation one hour prior). For those wishing to join the family virtually please follow the enclosed link. <https://join.skype.com/l69e7pMY4RpM> In lieu of flowers please donate to a charity of your choice or the Haliburton Highlands Hospital Foundation. Later this spring, Shelley will be laid to rest at the Maple Lake United Church Cemetery.

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Sweet victory

Red Hawks goalkeeper, Jenna Woolacott and Lindsey Pogue were all smiles at the end of the season-opening win for the senior girls' soccer team on Friday, April 29. Pogue scored four goals. See story and photos on page 24. Darren Lum Echo staff

Winterfest surplus to leave legacy project

About \$37,000 left to fund active seniors' initiative

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

Haliburton's Winterfest earned a surplus and that money will go towards a legacy project to benefit active seniors.

Organizing committee chairman Alan Clark and games general manager Myke Malone gave a report on the 2011 Ontario Senior Winter Games to Haliburton County councillors at their April 27 meeting.

Clark said the February event, which brought

about 1,000 athletes and spectators into the county, had a \$600,000 budget and wound up with a surplus of approximately \$37,000.

Malone said they will be looking for suggestions from county seniors' groups as to what this legacy project will be.

The stipulations are that it must enhance

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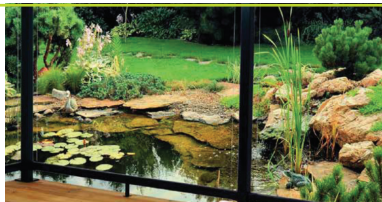
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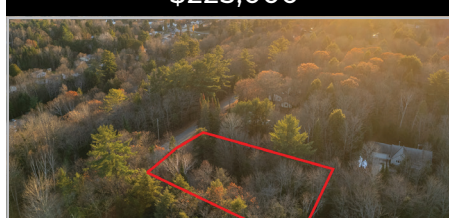
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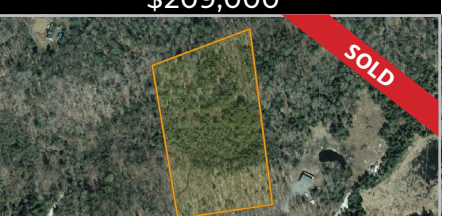
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